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Statutory Exemption for the Blind

M.G.L. 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 37A

Applications for Real Estate Exemptions are available the 1st week of October and are due April 1st. As a courtesy, the Assessor's office mails applications to residents who have applied in previous years. However, it is your responsibility to obtain and submit applications in a timely manner.

Per Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 59, §5, Clause 37A) the qualification requirements for a Real Estate Exemption due to Blindness is as follows:

- **Must own and occupy the property for which taxes are assessed**
- **Must complete and submit application annually**
- **Must submit a current year certificate from the Commission for the Blind attesting to a condition of legal blindness**
- **Application and certificate must be filed timely**

Exemptions will be applied to 3rd quarter (January) and 4th quarter (April) tax bills, depending on timeliness.